IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12 and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 9-11, 13-15, 34, 39-42, 52 and 54, as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An information processing apparatus~~ A server comprising:

a detection unit adapted to detect new text inserted in a web page;

a deletion unit adapted to delete one or more character strings registered in a predetermined file from the text detected by said detection unit;

a conversion unit adapted to convert a character string that represents the text into a phonetic character string that represents the text; and

a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string to a client.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the text together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~an information processing apparatus~~ a server, the method comprising the steps of:

~~a detection step of~~ detecting new text inserted in a web page;

deleting one or more character strings registered in a predetermined file from the text detected in said detection step;

~~a conversion step of~~ converting a character string that represents the text into a phonetic character string that represents the text; and

~~a transmission step of~~ transmitting the phonetic character string to a client.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said ~~transmission~~ transmitting step includes a step of transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said ~~the transmission~~ transmitting step includes a step of transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the text together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

Claims 16-33 (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a reception unit adapted to receive a phonetic character string that represents new text inserted in a web page from a server;

a conversion unit adapted to convert the phonetic character string that represents the text into synthetic speech; and

a speech output unit adapted to output the synthetic speech,

wherein said server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete one or more character strings registered in a predetermined file from the text detected by the detection unit, a conversion unit adapted to convert a character string that represents the text into a phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string to the information processing apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the text together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said speech output unit outputs predetermined sound or speech before outputting the synthetic speech.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said information processing apparatus is one of a portable telephone, PDA, and computer.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for an information processing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

~~a reception step of~~ receiving a phonetic character string that represents new text inserted in a web page from a server;

~~a conversion step of~~ converting the phonetic character string that represents the text into synthetic speech; and

~~a speech output step of~~ outputting the synthetic speech.

wherein the server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete one or more character strings registered in a predetermined file from the text detected by the detection unit, a conversion unit adapted to convert a character string that represents the text into a phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string to the information processing apparatus.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said ~~reception~~ receiving step includes a step of receiving a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

41. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said ~~reception~~ receiving step includes a step of receiving a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the text together with the phonetic character string that represents the text.

42. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said ~~speech output~~ outputting step includes a step of outputting predetermined sound or speech before outputting the synthetic speech.

Claims 43-51 (Cancelled).

52. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ server according to claim 9, wherein said detection unit includes detection means for detecting the text from the web page,

said conversion unit includes conversion means for converting the character string ~~for representing~~ that represents the text into a phonetic character string, and

said transmission unit includes transmission means for transmitting the phonetic character string to the client.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit includes reception means for receiving the phonetic character string,

said conversion unit includes conversion means for converting the phonetic character string into synthetic speech, and

said speech output unit includes speech output means for outputting the synthetic speech.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ server according to claim 9, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.